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REMARKS

1. On 14 July 1952, about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia were seen surveying hills near the auxiliary (Umflut) canal in Magdeburg. Other soldiers were engaged in surveying the area of Pechau as far as Heyrothsberge. The surveying equipment was shipped on truck [redacted]. The soldiers returned to the Flak Kaserne in Magdeburg-Prestor upon completion of their work. (1)
2. On 20 July, a komendatura was established in a villa on Prenzlauer Chaussee in Pasewalk which previously had been a girls' boarding school. The villa was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [redacted] stood in front of the villa on 26 July. (2)
3. On 20 July, personnel occupied the office in the komendatura in Pasewalk. Source learned that other buildings would be requisitioned. Jeep [redacted] and truck [redacted] were seen at the komendatura. (2)
4. At 7 a.m. on 23 July, a train of about 40 cars loaded with trucks, sedans, 2 armored scout cars, 4 x 37-mm AA guns and 4 x 85-mm AA guns stood ready for departure in south direction at the Bberswalde railroad station. Four 122-mm howitzers, 4 x 37-mm AA guns, 4 x 85-mm AA guns, 1 armored scout car, 2 field kitchens and 6 tank trucks were ready for loading. About 400 soldiers stood nearby. [redacted]
- On 29 July, 2 model M-8 82-mm rocket launchers and 3 model M-3 132-mm rocket launchers were ready for loading. Four 27-mm AA guns and 2 x 85-mm AA guns were taken to the station. (3) During the night of 23 July about 250 recruits marched from the station to the Schuetzen Kaserne.
5. At 5:15 p.m. on 25 July, a column of 2 BA-64 armored scout cars, 20 sidecar motorcycles, 1 SA-4 armored scout car [redacted] and a truck of the [redacted] stood half-way between Gross Schoenebeck and Collin near the Doelinkrug forestry, and faced toward Gross Schoenebeck. The soldiers had dismounted and were grouped around an officer. (4)

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- 25X1 6. At 8 a.m. on 26 July, 30 trucks [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] and 30 trucks [redacted] were
 25X1 seen being loaded at the Templin railroad station. (5) Three flatcars each 1
 25X1 loaded with a half-track armored personnel carrier stood at the station. The
 25X1 carriers [redacted] At 2 a.m. on 27 July, [redacted] six trucks
 25X1 carrying pontoons which he believed belonged to a large column. They came from
 25X1 the direction of the railroad station and proceeded toward the east. Truck
 25X1 [redacted] (6)
- 25X1 7. On 25 July, a saw frame with engine was loaded at the Jasvenitz railroad station.
 25X1 At 5 p.m., 14 officers wearing blue-bordered caps and about 100 soldiers wearing
 25X1 black-bordered crimson epaulets and carrying baggage went by rail to Stendal.
 25X1 They came from the woods camp in Jasvenitz. [redacted] they belonged
 25X1 to the detail operating the saw frame in the woods camp. (7)
- [redacted] 8. On 26 July, a train headed toward Berlin was seen at the Krommen railroad station.
 25X1 The train consisted of eight boxcars carrying soldiers wearing red-borde-
 25X1 red black epaulets and an undetermined number of flatcars loaded with 10 trucks
 25X1 [redacted] 2 se-
 25X1 cians and 10 x 37-mm AA guns. (8)
- [redacted] 9. On 26 July, 25 new trucks were unloaded at the Templin railroad station. About
 25X1 20 trucks [redacted] including two trucks
 25X1 mounting AA machine guns were unloaded on 27 July. (9) At 5 p.m. on 28 July, a
 25X1 train loaded with half pontoons was seen coming from the direction of Iberswalde
 25X1 and proceeding in the direction of Templin, and another train carrying 17 motor
 25X1 vehicles including a large number of sedans was seen at 6:30 p.m. (10) Another
 25X1 train carrying 26 motor vehicles and four guns which source thought were 122-mm
 25X1 howitzers were seen on the same line at 5 p.m. on 29 July. (11)
- [redacted] 10. On 27 July, a column of 20 trucks each occupied by 15 to 18 soldiers wearing
 25X1 red-bordered black epaulets and armed with hand arms was seen in Liebrosc,
 25X1 proceeding toward the camp. The trucks towed six 57-mm AT guns [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] the column was
 25X1 returning from an exercise. (12)
- [redacted] 11. On 30 July, the hutment in Glau, near Trebbin, was occupied by a signal unit.
 25X1 [redacted] Sentries guarding
 25X1 the camp wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Sedan [redacted]
 25X1 occupied by a lieutenant colonel wearing black epaulets was seen leaving the
 25X1 camp. (13)
12. In the afternoon of 2 August, a train consisting of 12 gondola cars and flatcars
 carrying about 60 [redacted] trucks stood at the Dollgow-Doeberitz railroad
 station.
- [redacted] Comments.
- (1) Possibly soldiers of the 3d Gds AAA Div who were surveying for the establishment
 of AAA emplacements.
- (2) The motor vehicles reported in paragraphs 2 and 3 belong to the Second Gds Mecz
 Army.
- (3) The departure for Altengrabow of units of the 63d AAA Div (US), the 312th Gds
 Fl. Regt and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which was previously
 25X1 reported [redacted] is confirmed by the present report. About six trains
 25X1 were reported during the period from 25 to 29 July 1952. [redacted]
- 25X1 (4) Units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army stationed at the Templin training grounds
 25X1 nearly repeatedly practiced in that area.
- 25X1 (5) The trucks belong to the 25th Tank Div and to headquarters units of the Fourth
 Gds Mecz Army.
- (6) The column was possibly unloaded at the Templin railroad station. [redacted]
 [redacted] However, they probably belong to the
 Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

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- 25X1 (7) The camp mentioned probably is the camp southeast of Jaevenitz which is also referred to as Hottendorf woods camp. Observations by [] indicated that units of the 598th Itz Rifle Regt of the 207th Itz Rifle Div in Gardelegen daily worked on the camp in three shifts in late June 1952. []
- 25X1 [] The blue bordered caps probably had black piping originally but it had faded.
- 25X1 (8) The train carried units of the 63d AAA Div (US) which, []
- 25X1 [] moved from Jueterbog to Uberswalde on 26 July 1952. []
- 25X1 (9) The train may have belonged to the rail movement from Jueterbog to Uberswalde -Templin on 26 and 27 July which probably carried AAA units of the Fourth Gds Army, namely units of the 25th Tank Div and of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. []
- 25X1 (10) The train was previously reported [] The units unloaded were engineer units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. []
- 25X1 (11) [] saw a column proceeding toward the Templin troop training grounds which probably was unloaded from the same train. The column consisted of artillery units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. []
- 25X1 (12) [] the column belonged to the 7th Gds Mecz Div.
- 25X1 (13) The signal regiment of the Third Gds Mecz Army is stationed in Trebbin. Trains observed [] which on 20 and 26 July left Trebbin for a signal command post exercise in Finsterwalde tend to indicate that the Glau camp was only partially occupied on 30 July 1952. []

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